

First AEF rotation arrives home early July 1

Sixty-six members from the 169th Fighter Wing's first AEF rotation arrived home on July 1. Undaunted by the 3 a.m. arrival time, family and friends greeted the returning Airmen by waving American flags, wearing red white and blue and holding "Welcome Home" signs.

After more than 40 days at Joint Base Balad in Iraq, the returning Swamp Fox



TSgt. Shawn Bryan hugs his family Melissa, Avery, Karsen, and Tatum.

members had just conducted a hand-off to the second AEF rotation of deployed Airmen who arrived in Balad a week earlier.

Col. Scott Williams, 169th Fighter Wing commander, told the happy but anxious audience, "After the long flight, they are just ready to see you guys and be home."

At McEntire, the returning Airmen cleared customs, received their post-deployment briefings and had medical checks before being released to family members. Lt. Col. Lorinda Keck, 169th Mission Support Group Deputy Commander, said these stops were the minimal required before the Airmen could depart for military leave with their families.

"We wanted to keep things as stream-lined as possible to make it easier on everyone," said Keck. "We know they were really tired after their long flight."

Keck said things went smoothly and this first swap-out was a good way to evaluate their processes before the majority of the SCANG men and women return from the 120 day AEF deployment in September.

"We'll have folks return from both Balad and Manas, which will be over 200 Airmen," said Keck. "There will be different requirements and reintegration briefings for returning members who were deployed more



(Photos by Staff Sgt. Tracci Dorgan, 169th FW/PA)

SCANG Senior Leaders greet Swamp Fox members as they return to McEntire from Iraq July 1.

than 80 and 90 days."

Terry DeLille, Family Program Manager, waited with family members in the Canteen while the returning Swamp Fox members completed their out processing.

"Homecomings are always our favorite. The long wait is over for the service members and the family members," said DeLille.

(Story by Capt. Cindi King, 169th FW/PA)

McEntire makes energy awareness top priority

Energy availability and management is critical to Air Force readiness. Energy enables the Air Force to deliver its designed capabilities without unacceptable delay, and is essential for successful accomplishment of the mission. It is imperative that the Air Force continually refines its energy programs and creates a culture that is mindful of the footprint we leave on the environment while still fulfilling its mission to produce lethal combat power yielding sovereign op-

tions for America. The above is directly out of Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 90-17, Energy Management and is accompanied by Air Force Instruction 90-1701, Energy Management. These are (Command) 90 series directives and span the full spectrum of energy conservation.

The above AFPD and AFI were recently rewritten and a direct result of Executive Order (EO) 13423, 'Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation

Management'. This EO policy mandates that all federal agencies conduct their environmental, transportation, and energy-related activities under the law in support of their respective missions in an environmentally, economically and fiscally sound, integrated, continuously improving, efficient, and sustainable manner. This led to the development of the Air Force Energy Plan.

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Commander's Corner



by

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My how time flies out here! Twenty six year ago I was an A1C heading to Lackland AFB for Basic Training. I left Lackland and headed for Lowry AFB to become a bomb loader. Seven years later I was chosen to become a maintenance officer and headed for the Academy of Military Science to get my commission. Now, I am a Lieutenant Colonel, and commander of the Logistics Readiness Squadron. For those who have just joined the SCANG, or have been out here just a few years, your time out here will fly by. The opportunities afforded by the USAF and the Air National Guard are immense if you are willing to apply yourself. So, what do you do to afford yourself these immense opportunities?

Start off by being a good airman. Come to work on time, stay late to get the job done. Show your supervisor you are willing to go the extra mile to accomplish the mission. Nothing impresses a supervisor more than a

willingness to work and learn your job. Get to know the people you work with. You may find you have an issue outside of base you need help on. There are people here who have skills in areas such as construction, legal matters, accounting, real estate, financial planning, and a myriad of other occupations. Volunteer to take on special projects within your work area, your squadron, and on base. Go on deployments when you can. Deployments are one of the best opportunities for you to show what you have learned. It is also a great way to get to know the people you work with and build unit camaraderie. Get involved!

Build your career path. One of the most important aspects of being a good airman is career development. Start off by getting your Career Development Course's (CDC's) done on time and complete your Professional Military Education (PME). Attend Airman Leadership School in residence if your civil-

ian job will allow it. As well, if you decide to make the military a career, go to the NCO and Senior NCO Academy in residence. When leadership looks at promotions one of the first things we look at is, "Has this individual completed their PME?" Your career path is your responsibility. Make sure you are talking to your supervisors about your career path and if you need to, make any adjustments. Another good strategy for career development may be to cross train. Cross training is a big step to take, especially for traditional guardsmen. If you believe there is another career field you may be interested in talk to your supervisor about it. Find out the pro's and con's. There are a number of personnel out here who have cross trained and have multiple AFSC's. Most of the time, the people who have moved up have gone outside the box to take on a different career field and more responsibility.

One of my last suggestions to you is in regards to security clearances. Take care of your financial matters! The one thing I do not like getting, nor does any other commander, is a package from Security Forces to investigate an individual for matters which may revoke your security clearance. Nine times out of 10, it is regarding financial irresponsibility. When a commander receives one of these packages, computer access, any special privileges, are revoked pending the completion of the investigation which may take months. Do not take on more debt than you can handle. Pay your bills on time. When you turn in the Security Clearance questionnaire they look hard at your financial record. Make sure it is clean. As well, use your Government Travel Card only on orders and only for approved purchases. The commander gets a statement from Financial Management each month on what personnel in their unit have charged and whether the bill has been paid or not. Don't be that airman!

These are just a few of my personal suggestion on how to make your time spent in the military beneficial to you. I believe doing some of the things I have suggested will help you to grow as a person and become a responsible and productive person in your civilian, as well as military occupations. Your time here will go by quicker than you realize. It seems like I just started at McEntire and twenty six years have flown by. Make the most out of your time here, apply yourself, make lifelong friends and enjoy the rewards of being part of the McEntire Family!

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Chief's Concerns

Chief Master Sergeant James Reinhardt, 169th LRS

I remember the beautiful bass boat that I just had to have, but with a young daughter and a new home, I didn't know how I could afford it. Then a friend of mine, SCANG retiree, Robert Age (Weapons), told me about a place called "McEntire Air National Guard Base." I didn't know it even existed, but after a couple years of active duty (thanks to the draft - for the few of you who remember), I discovered that I could enlist for three years, come in as an E-4, make the boat payments, and then say good-bye again to the military.

It was a good boat ride; and now 29 military and 22 technician years later, my ride at McEntire is ending. I will miss the great friends I made over the years, including a few of my mentors, Willie Williams, Robert Turner, Sid Hawkins, Colonel Stuart Teer and General John "Coach" Motley, all of which have retired, as well as one of the best, Chief Master Sergeant Charles "Kit" Kaiser (now deceased).

I have been fortunate enough to have been at the right place at the right time to obtain the rank of chief master sergeant. I know this has been "drilled" to you over and over, but get your PME, CDC's, and

all training completed as soon as possible; you too may be at the right place at the right time, and believe me, the younger you are the easier things are to learn and retain. Be ready for the inevitable change, and remember the importance of communication.

Listen to supervision and senior leadership, for they are here for you and never forget the core values, "INTEGRITY FIRST, SERVICE BEFORE SELF and EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO."

I have often wondered why anyone would want to be in the military. Why would anyone want to chance being away from family and friends on deployments in some "hot as hell" desert; or putting up with inspections, working crazy hours, playing war games, the dirt and sweat, eating out of a plastic sack, just to mention a few. I never have, and never will figure it out, but I know that it takes special people, which many of you are, and should be proud of what you do. Just think about it for a minute, you VOLUNTEERED for it. That makes you special!!

I want to also give special thanks to the folks in Vehicle Maintenance and Operations. A great bunch of people that have



looked out for me all these years. No one could work with better people than them.

I will now have lots of time to ride in my boat, and as I do, I will be thinking of the many special people here. May God bless and be with each and every one!



Recruiting & Retention

Military Personnel Summary

Strength

Officers:

Authorized	143
Assigned	133
Percent Manned	93.0%

Enlisted:

Authorized	1198
Assigned	1247
Percent Manned	103.8%

Total:

Authorized	1341
Assigned	1380
Percent Manned	102.9%

(as of July 16, 2010)

Recruiting/Retention

Gains:

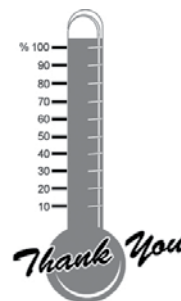
	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Prior	3	56
Non-Prior	5	94
Total	8	150

Losses:

ETS	0	11
Discharge	10	18
Medical	0	1
Resignation	1	7
Retirement	2	23
Transfer	3	23
Other	0	1
Total	16	84
Net Gain/Loss	-8	+66

Recruiting Progress

We're at 102.9 percent!



We must maintain 100% strength through 2010! Recruit & Retain!

There are many positions open for immediate recruiting...

Munitions, Weapons, Crew Chiefs, Life Support, CE, Security Forces and more



Briefs

FY '10 pay forms due

All personnel are reminded to complete FY 10 make up drills and the BUTA for September. All paperwork needs to be turned in to the Finance Office by Thursday, Aug. 19.

New NCO council formed

A new E-5/E-6 council called Swamp Fox 56 has been established. All Staffs and Techs are invited to attend and help make McEntire even better. Meetings are held each Sunday of drill at 1330 in the LRS building (212). August's meeting topics include Veteran's Day parade, E-5/E-6 coin, Professional Development Guide and other projects.

Awards and Decorations

Have you just been awarded a federal award or decoration? Now you can view/print a visual display of your Federal Awards and Decorations using virtual Military Personnel Flight (vMPF). Do you want to recognize outstanding airmen? You can use virtual Personnel Center-Guard and Reserve (vPC-GR) to initiate and process decoration nominations. Access vMPF and vPC-GR systems from the AF Portal, www.my.af.mil, under the Top Portal Links section.

Strong Bonds Marriage Retreat

The Strong Bonds Marriage Retreat will be held in Myrtle Beach Sept. 24-26. This course is for married couples and first priority will be given to those who have deployed within the last two years.

The focus of this couples' retreat is to strengthen bonds for healthy marriage. The course costs \$20. Registration deadline is Sept. 15 and registration forms can be obtained from Terry DeLille at carolyn.delille@ang.af.mil or 803-647-8089.

Job Openings

The 169th Medical Group has an opening for an MSC Officer, AFSC 041A3. This is a commissioning opportunity. Applicants must qualify to become an officer with a passing AFOQT and qualifying college credits. Submit a package consisting of a letter of intent, resume and a RIP to MSgt. Brad Gibson by Aug. 8 for any other information, call (803) 647-8414 or william.gibson@ang.af.mil

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The Air Force Energy Plan is built upon three pillars that guide energy management within the Air Force. A synopsis of the over-reaching goal of this plan is below:

Reduce Demand: Through energy efficiency and conservation measures, and by raising awareness of the need to reduce Air Force energy consumption.

Increase Supply: By researching, testing, and certifying new technologies, including renewable, alternative, and traditional energy sources, the Air Force can assist in creating new domestic energy supplies.

Culture Change: The Air Force must create a culture where all Airmen make energy conservation a consideration in everything they do, every day.

The Air National Guard, and specifically McEntire Joint National Guard Base, has been integrating this plan into operational procedures for several years. For instance, our base recently received an \$85,000 monetary recognition award for meeting energy reduction initiatives from 2008 to 2009. In future articles I will: expound on the aforementioned, highlight past, current and future energy projects, provide educational awareness and energy savings insight, post our energy 'report card' progress reports, share more of the Air Force position on Environmental, Energy and Economic Performance, talk about the focus of the base Energy Management Steering Group and much more.

Let me close by extending a 'Thank You' to those that have made significant contributions to our early success. Additionally, if you have ideas for conservation initiatives, please send them via e-mail to either myself at Randall.Hudson@ang.af.mil or Gareth.Fleischer@ang.af.mil.

(Story by SMSgt. Randall Hudson 169th CES)

FAREWELL -- 169th CES says good-bye to Mike Mixon (front-left, wearing glasses) and Wallace "WD" Burrows (at Mixon's right side), at their retirement luncheon held June 25 in Columbia. Mike and "WD" worked in the Pavement and Grounds shop as SC State Employees since June 2005.



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Tracci Dorgan, 169th FW/PA)

New Air Force program encourages vigilance

To decrease the vulnerability of base personnel and resources to terrorist attacks, the Air Force has launched an aggressive Air Force-wide program educating people on observable activities and what to do if they see something suspicious.

Eagle Eyes is run by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and is much like a neighborhood watch program. It is geared toward retirees, military family members, and even members of the community. The Eagle Eyes program relies on citizens to remain vigilant and continue to remain cognizant and continue to Watch, Report and Protect.

"Every Airman is a sensor," said Lt. Col. Paul Laymon, base anti-terrorism officer. "If you hear something, it gives you an outlet to send it up channel."

Laymon said, not just military members, but members of the community need to always remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to either the base security forces or local law enforcement.



Deployed firefighters show others how it's done

McEntire's firefighters hit the ground in Baghdad, Iraq May 10 and met with their counterparts from Air National Guard units from New York, Illinois, North Dakota and Maine. The Airmen are part of the team of "Firedawgs" responsible for manning and running three fire stations that provides fire protection for aircraft and residents on Sather Air Base in Baghdad.

"Since we've been here, we have been tasked with training the Iraqi Air Force firefighters assigned to the Al Muthana section of the ramp, as well as making recommendations for improving the service they provide their aircraft and their people," said SMSgt. Stephen Turner, Fire Chief 447 ECES/CEF, in an e-mail from Sather Air Base in Baghdad.

Turner said they are also actively engaged in the Sather AB community by participating in the: Rising 6, Top 3 Committees, Color Guard, leading a spin class at the base gym, barbering, volunteering to provide assistance with the Boy Scouts, USO, and serving time in the CSH emergency room.

"The halfway point in our deployment is closely approaching and because we're so busy we feel like the time is flying," said Turner.

The firefighters are scheduled to return home in September.

(Story by TSgt. Stephen Hudson 169th FW/PA)



Back row: MSgt. Hank Hill, SSgt. Joe Thompson, SSgt. Josh Hammer, TSgt. David Sandoval, TSgt. Karl King, SMSgt. Stephen Turner, MSgt. Michael Platt, SSgt. Doug Johnson, SSgt. Justin McKeown, and SSgt. Joe Hostler.

Front row: SrA. Benji Peterson, TSgt. Wayne Brown, SrA. Scott Westmoreland, SrA. JD McCarley, SSgt. James Gunter, SrA. James Payne, SSgt. Rufus Mitchell, MSgt Matt Williams, and SrA. Jay Knisley.

McEntire crew chief named Airman of the Week in Balad

An Airman deployed to Balad Air Base from McEntire has been named the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing's Tuskegee Airman of the Week for June 27-July 4. SrA William Davenport, 169th AMXS, is deployed to the 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron as a crew chief in the squadron's Crash Recovery, Wheel and Tire Section.

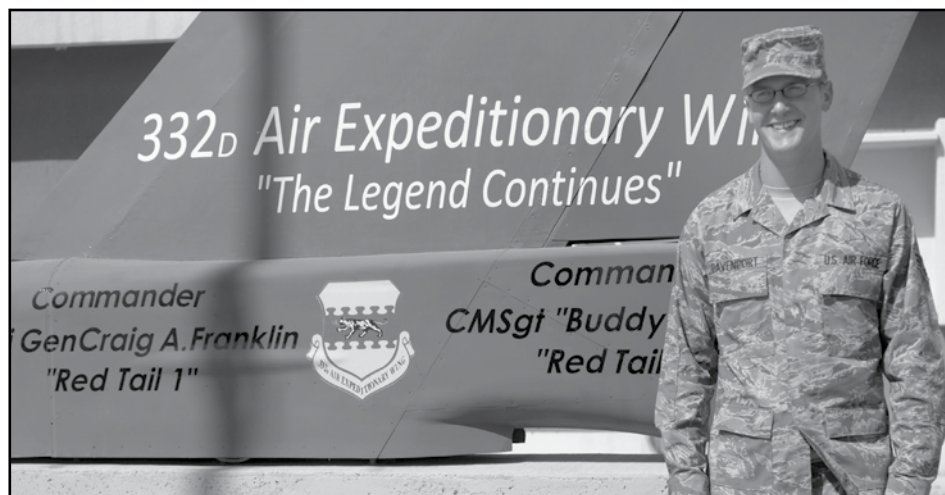
"Airman Davenport really stepped up to the plate," said Maj. Gen. Craig Franklin, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander. "At a time when operations were non-stop, Airman Davenport filled the void in the aircraft maintenance units. Aircraft were going through tires fast, but he was able to rebuild 23 wheel and tire assemblies in less than 24 hours, ensuring there was no lost time for any mission."

General Franklin presented Davenport with a certificate and a commander's coin at the wing headquarters July 8. Davenport helped rewrite the local Crash Damaged Disabled Aircraft Recovery checklist. This new checklist was tested on a disabled aircraft at Balad and it had runway operation capability back in less than 20 minutes.

When he is not repairing wheel and tire

assemblies, Davenport, a Trenton, Mich., native, volunteers at Troy's Place, a chapel-sponsored, volunteer-manned facility where Balad personnel can watch movies, check e-mails and pick up needed toiletries and morale items for free. On June 19 he also volunteered at the on base Iraqi Kids' Day.

Davenport shared his view on how to have a productive deployment. "You need to stay active and enjoy the many opportunities that Joint Base Balad has to offer," said Davenport. "Don't just sit around, go out and volunteer."



(Story and photo by SSgt. Stacy Fowler, 332nd AEW/PA)

SrA William Davenport, 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron Crash Recovery, Wheel and Tire Section crew chief, is the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing's Tuskegee Airman of the Week for June 27-July 4, 2010.

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OIF: CMSgt. Lawrence Crowson, 169th AMXS

With the first rotation ending, the 169th Fighter Wing has carried the Swamp Fox name with pride here at Joint Base Balad (JBB). The impressions around the Maintenance Group (MXG) for the first rotation could not be any higher. We are the best Aircraft Maintenance Unit (AMU) on station according to the MXG Commander and are conducting ourselves at the highest professional manner.

I set four professional goals to achieve as a unit during this deployment. Those goals were:

Confirm the Active Associate program is the future for the Air Guard.

Confirm an Air Guard FW can support an entire 120 day rotation with Active Associates.

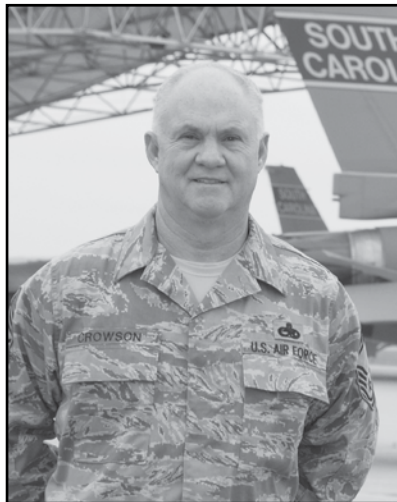
Confirm the Air Guard AMU can support two aircraft models and missions at the same time.

Once again prove we are the best MXG in the Air Force.

Every goal is confirmed with each passing day. The 169th FW has taken on a task that no other Guard Unit before us has accomplished. We have successfully carried out two separate missions. The success of the Tactical Air Reconnaissance System (TARS) mission came by the way of treating those individuals as an AMU within the AMU and the professional leaders in place for those Airmen.

Although this deployment began for me personally over three and half years ago, as a wing we focused our efforts over the past 18 months to ensure we were prepared for AEF 5/6. The leadership has leaned forward planning out every possible aspect, multiple trips to Alabama with 15+ maintainers to train for the Block 30 specific requirements, and coordinating with other units around the ANG to ensure we were ready for the TARS mission. This training and preparation paid off.

In addition we are supporting an alert mission and local missions,



while providing a full-time End of Runway crew by employing both the flight-line personnel and back-shop individuals. With all of this going on, we have maintained a perfect rating on scheduled maintenance, the best quality assurance ratings on station, and had zero major incidents to date. Proving we are, yet again, the best maintenance group in the Air Force. The success here is directly related to the success of our Active Associate program.

The conditions at JBB could not be any better. With temperatures close to 120 degrees, every facility has working air conditioning. The meals are the best seen to date and offered 24 hours a day. Laundry service is free with a two day turnaround. The base facilities include a gym, recreation center, library, internet café with free

internet, and a full-time education center offering free CLEP and DANTES exams. Transportation is provided during all hours of the day via shuttle busses.

Before coming on this deployment I set three personal goals I wanted to achieve. Those goals were to read the Bible, lose 20 pounds, and bench press over 260 pounds. I'll let you know at the end of the trip how I measured up.

I wanted to personally thank the FW for all the support we have received in preparation for this deployment. The mobility/processing of both equipment and personnel went flawlessly. The Wing planned the required training necessary for our troops and making sure everyone had what they needed. Also Supply, which provided the uniforms, IBA, and additional items (bags, gloves, etc.). Without this support, the mission would not have been possible.

"A good leader is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him"



101 Days of Summer... The Heat is on!

We are in the midst of 101 Days of summer, and it is very important to realize how to keep you, your family and your wingman safe. Since the average July temperature in Columbia, SC is 95.20 degrees, which also happens to be the warmest month of the year, now is a good time to take another look at some of the safety tips that can save someone's life.

The Red Cross reminds everyone to take precautions against heat related incidents, which will significantly reduce the chance of getting heat exhaustion and heat stroke. They also encourage drinking plenty of water and taking frequent breaks while working outside. Staying inside and avoiding strenuous activity is also recommended.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 400 Americans die each year due to summer's sweltering heat. Furthermore, the National Weather Service asserts that excessive heat was the number one weather-related killer, causing more fatalities per year than floods, lightning, tornadoes, hurricanes, winter storms and extreme cold from 1994 to 2003.

Everyone is at risk when temperatures rise above 90 degrees but the elderly and the very young are most susceptible to heat and heat-related illnesses. Heat-related illnesses can cause serious injury and even death if unattended. Signs of heat-related illnesses include nausea, dizziness, flushed or pale skin, heavy sweating and headaches. Victims of heat-related illness should be moved to a cool place, given cool water to drink and ice packs or cool wet cloths

should be applied to the skin. If a victim refuses water, vomits or loses consciousness, call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number immediately.

Red Cross Safety Tips:

1) **Dress for the heat.** Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy. It is also a good idea to wear hats or to use an umbrella.

2) **Drink water.** Carry water or juice with you and drink continuously even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which dehydrate the body. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.

3) **Eat small meals and eat more often.** Avoid high-protein foods, which increase metabolic heat.

4) **Slow down.** Avoid strenuous activity. If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually in the morning between 4 and 7 a.m.

5) **Stay indoors when possible.** If air-conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine. Remember that electric fans do not cool, they simply circulate the air.

6) **Be a good neighbor.** During heat waves, check in on elderly residents in your neighborhood and those who do not have air conditioning.

7) **Learn Red Cross first aid and CPR.**

(Commentary by Master Sgt. Pelham Myers, Jr., 169th FW/PA)

Swamp Fox Rigger packs a piece of history

It's been asked numerous times, "Why would anyone jump out of a perfectly good airplane?"

Since the first U.S. Army parachute jump on Aug. 16, 1940, thousands of paratroopers have jumped from altitudes of 800 to 10,000 feet and floated to earth under a canopy of silk. David Cartledge, a Vietnam era equipment collector and participant in McEntire's Air Ground Expo last fall, obtained an MC1-1B Army parachute from 1970 on Ebay and needed assistance to have it packed to Technical Manual standards. Cartledge, a former paratrooper himself, asked the Swamp Foxes for help.

In the 157th Fighter Squadron's Life Support section, MSgt. Dan Gamelin, a parachute rigger and former paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division, was happy to lend a hand. He has packed more than 6,000 parachutes, including ones like the MC1-1B.

"I hadn't packed one of these Army parachutes in 20 years," said Gamelin, who has over 70 mass tactical static line jumps and 876 overall jumps, including freefall. "I used to be able to pack one of these in less than 10 minutes. This one had a lot of age in the canvas so it took me longer to stow the suspension lines in the pack tray."

Cartledge said the parachute would be for display purposes only and would be included with his other Vietnam era equipment when he participates in community and veteran events. The parachute's debut was at the Gilbert Peach Festival last month.

"I want new Soldiers and youth to see what equipment we used as

compared to what they have today," said Cartledge. "The parachute was my missing item."

Cartledge, who acquired the parachute with the "dial of death" quick release harness, was extremely grateful to Gamelin for his assistance in packing the piece of airborne history.



MSgt. Dan Gamelin packs a MC1-1B parachute from 1970.

The MC1-1B model is similar to today's most commonly used static line parachute, the T-10D. Both are green nylon with a nominal diameter of 35 feet, 30 gores (the solid triangular pieces of fabric that make up the canopy) and 30 suspension lines. Both can support up to 350 pounds. The main difference between Cartledge's parachute and those currently being used is it lacks the 1976 addition of anti-inversion skirt netting to reduce malfunctions.

In the 157th Fighter Squadron, the F-16's ACES II recovery parachute for the ejection seat assembly has a nominal diameter of 28 feet, 28 gores and 28 suspension lines. It's multicolored with orange, white, green and tan nylon to assist aircrews for signaling or camouflage according to the terrain.

Gamelin said although it was great having a chance to repack one of the old chutes, working with the Fighter Wing is the best job of his career. The rigger motto is, "I will be sure, always."

"We hope none of our pilots ever have to use the ejection seat. But if they do, knowing we are the insurance policy to make sure they return home safely, stresses the importance of our job."

(Photo and Story by Capt. Cindi King, 169th FW/PA)

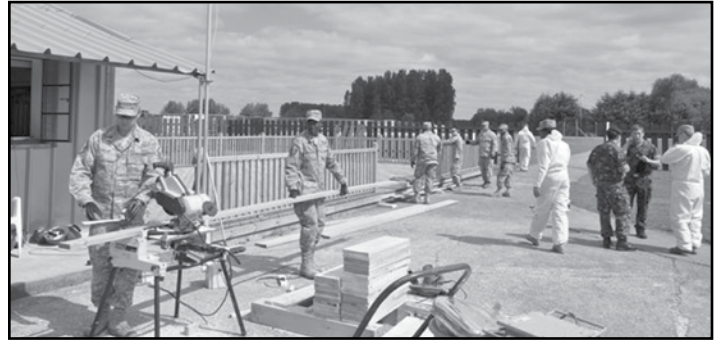
CE deploys to England for Exercise FLYING ROSE

Editor's note: This is an excerpt from the original article about the 169th CES's deployment to England. The article can be read in its entirety at: www.169fw.af.mil.

The 169th Civil Engineer Squadron recently deployed to Waterbeach Barracks, a British Royal Army installation in the United Kingdom, representing the U.S. Air Force in this annual exchange program called Exercise FLYING ROSE. The two-week deployment involved a 37-member engineer team conducting contingency construction training.

The exercise was hosted by the British Royal Engineers of the 43rd Headquarters and Support Squadron, 25th Engineer Regiment, 12th Engineer Group (Air Support). The British Royal Engineers stationed at Waterbeach Barracks are the only British Royal Engineers with an Air Support mission similar to U.S. Air Force Engineers. Because the British and U.S. forces have common air support missions, this exchange program enhances proficiency training of engineer forces through execution of relevant contingency engineering projects.

The 169th engineers constructed a training Forward Operating base (FOB) for the British Royal Engineers providing realistic



(Photo courtesy 169th CES)

169th CES members work with their British counterparts at Waterbeach Barracks in England during Exercise FLYING ROSE.

training to execute their wartime tasks. The area was leveled and graded and earth-filled HESCO barriers were erected to provide force protection for the compound. SCANG personnel surveyed and graded the area to provide positive drainage for the compound.

(Story by Capt. Brandon Pruitt, 169th CES)

Construction boom equals expansion and improvement

McEntire has an unprecedented volume of construction activity going on simultaneously that will expand and improve the base.

Grubbing and clearing has begun along South Carolina Road for the building of the S.C. National Guard Joint Force Headquarters. The 165,000 square foot facility will consist of three buildings connected by enclosed breezeways, with the tallest building being three stories high.

Gary Grant, S.C. Army National Guard's Construction and Facilities Management Office (CFMO) Project Manager said the construction will take about 667 days once the "notice to proceed" date is set, hopefully in early September. The nearby Army Aviation Support Facility will also expand to create 68,000 additional square feet of hangar space.

As the Fighter Wing prepares for the Air Sovereignty Alert (ASA) mission, bldg. 260 will undergo modifications. The three existing alert hangars will be demolished to make way for a new taxiway and expanded apron to accommodate controlled humidity and aircraft shelters.

Capt. Gareth Fleischer, Deputy Base Civil Engineer, said the goal is to have all ASA mission-related facilities completed by December and ready to stand-up the new mission.

With the July departure of the remaining F-16s to Savannah,



(Photos by Staff Sgt. Tracci Dorgan, 169th FW/PA)

taxiways and runways were closed for repairs with an anticipated runway reopening under limited conditions on or about Sept. 15. The estimated completion of the overall airfield contract is January 2011.

Lt. Col. Tim Dotson, Base Civil Engineer, said the base received and executed in excess of \$18 million Operations and Management (O&M) dollars for construction this year, more than any other ANG unit. The entire CES and contracting staff worked extremely hard to make this happen and the base will be better off for it. Additionally, there are energy projects in excess of \$1 million ongoing that will improve efficiency and reduce utility demand on base. Roofs are being replaced, heating and cooling systems are being upgraded and smart meters are being installed to name a few. "These modifications will save money on energy costs in the future, help retain our manpower and help meet Federal energy mandates," said Dotson. "SMSgt Randy Hudson is leading our energy effort as the Base Energy Manager."

"It's been an unprecedented year for McEntire," said Fleischer.

(By Lt. Col. Michael Dotson and Capt. Cindi King)





Around 70 folks attended our July luncheon. Bill Burbage brought his mother. She just turned 101 and is doing well. We had many notables attend, Bobby Hanlin who joined the Air Guard 61 years ago. I also noted many former Command Chiefs that showed up. We had a good crew show and enjoyed the State of McEntire report from Col. Williams.

As always he gave a full and insightful briefing about what's going on at the base and what's in the cards for the future. I particularly enjoyed the question and answer session after the briefing.

Our next luncheon will be in December. For the breakfast buffs, we will go back to

our usual breakfast schedule on Aug. 4.

McEntire History: I have been "thinking" again (probably not a good sign) since I have been honoring the McEntire retirees my latest plan is to honor the retirees up to the year 2000, then I am going to revert back to the missing years ('87-'93) for two reasons. One: I have acquired some names by word of mouth, and research. Two: I want to see if I get feedback as to when they retired, or if they know of other people and when they retired. I want to compile a list of all retirees to distribute and go forward with the members who are retiring now on an ongoing basis.

It will take a while, but we will have a

reasonable list of all retirees for record that can be maintained on a monthly basis. Also, a committee will be established to determine, if known, if a retiree went on to their final flight.

So I would appreciate any input from anyone out there who knows these kinds of details. You may call me at 803-936-0680, or e-mail me rbarkalow@sc.rr.com.

By my count, we have 939 retirees not counting the missing link crew (87-93). By extrapolating this out, we should be over the 1000 mark.

By my count, there are 42 retirees from the 1998 era.

Six months and counting for UCI

The 169th Fighter Wing is going through the demanding process of reviewing and self-inspecting records and documentation procedures to prepare for the upcoming Air Combat Command's Inspector General's Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) scheduled for Feb. 4-9.

This is the first time in many years the Swamp Foxes have had a UCI, so all sections who operate and function using public law, executive orders, directives and regulations must not only ensure they are in compliance, but demonstrate this to the inspection team.

Maj. John "Buster" Wilcox, the project officer for the SCANG UCI said the IG team usually consists of 65-70 inspectors from Langley Air Force Base, who will look at almost all of the base functions.

Historically, there is no pass or fail grade,

but rather the teams look at critical compliance areas or key areas for mission success and grades "complies," "complies with comments," or "does not comply."

Col. Scott Williams, Fighter Wing Commander said, "This is a great opportunity to ensure our systems are in place and operating within the Air Force standards."

Williams said he knows the Swamp Foxes have been operating "full throttle" with the AEF deployment and construction on base, but the UCI was a key tool to identify any areas needing improvement as the role of McEntire continues to grow.

"We can't take our eyes off the target," said Williams. "I am completely confident our Fighter Wing with its immense pool of talent and experience can accomplish anything and do a superb job during the UCI."

Wilcox said now is the time for sections

to review their Compliance and Standardization Requirements Lists and self-inspect. "We can't afford to put this off and need steady progress to ensure success in Feb. We only have six UTAs before the inspection team arrives," he said.

In Sept., members of the Fighter Wing will visit the Colorado Air National Guard's 140th Wing during their UCI. "Observing the process with the 140th will really help our folks see how the process works," said Wilcox. "This will be a great opportunity to meet the ACC Inspectors too."

"The Wing's proven performance during combat, training and inspections convinced me to join the SCANG," said Wilcox who just completed a tour on the ACC IG team. "I'm proud to be a part of this effort."

(Story by Capt. Cindi King, 169th FW/PA)

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A1C. Michael Hanner, 169th MXS
A1C. Paul Garrett, 169th AMXS
A1C. Symeon Graham, 169th MXS
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Enlisted Promotions

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Matthew A. Dick, 245th ATCS
William A. MacDonald II, 245 ATCS

Retirements

SMSgt. Alexander Williams
245th ATCS, 24+ years

Lt.Col. Adam Spitler
157th FS, 20 years

SCANG Schedule

Adopt -A- Highway Clean-up Day

August 27

February 2011 (UTA) Unit Compliance Inspection

E-records

To access your records from the new electronic process, with 24/7 availability, use the Personnel Records Display Application (PRDA) to view and/or print forms from your official military personnel record. You can access PRDA from the AF Portal, www.my.af.mil, under the Top Portal Links section. Active associates, are automatically set up for PRDA access from the AF Portal.

The Standard Form 180 for retirees and former members to fill out and send in to access their personnel records 180 are available at the Customer Service office. For more information call MSgt. Paul Caldwell at (803) 647-8725.

Swamp Fox Litter

Austin Miles Mattox

Born April 17, 2010

Proud Parents are
Erica and Maj. Allen Mattox

Blood Drive

**The next blood
drives will be held in the
canteen on:**

3 October

**The goal is 75 pints.
Lets make it happen !!!**

Base Training

Noncommissioned Officers Academy - In-Residence

(Class start dates - 6-week duration)
(75 seats for ANG members)

September 7 - October 14

Chief's Executive Course

August 23-27
September 13-17

CCAF Graduates (Class of April 2010)

Michael Boulware, 245th ATCS

Thomas Bryant Jr., 169th MDG

Jeanine Gurley, 169th OSF

Nathaniel Junious, 169th CES

Jessica Spencer, 169th MDG

- Next CCAF class graduation is
October 2010

- Every Total Force Airman is a
CCAF Student and your college
experience starts at Basic Training

TESTING SCHEDULE

**Tuesdays, 1 p.m.
Drill Sundays, 12:30 p.m.**

Report for testing no later than 15
minutes before the test. Members
testing on CDCs required for upgrade
training must bring their AFIADL 9
course card with the following items
documented:

Date review training began
Date due completion
Date review training ended
Supervisor's signature
Trainee's signature

Members without the card and required
information are not allowed to test. For
more information, contact a unit training
manager.

REFLECTIONS

The Air Force core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do speaks of motivating Airmen to perform a mission, that is a higher calling than the civilian world.

It is being part of something that is bigger than yourself; simply not just a job for a pay check. There was a great example of this in the Bible about a man named Jonathan. He gave up his personal rights to promotion, prestige, and power.

Why would he do this? Because he knew God had a better plan for him and the nation of Israel. He put service before self. He protected and provided for the future king to ensure the prosperity of Israel.

He did what was right when nobody saw or knew about it. He had integrity. He was probably the best friend the Bible spoke about. Everything he did personified excellence. Jonathan knew and was committed to serving a cause bigger than himself, the prosperity of Israel.

Do you have that motivation and commitment to serve our country or is it just a job?

By Chaplain (Lt.Col.) David Sturgeon



Worship Schedule Saturday

Maintenance (hangar) & SFS after roll call

Sunday

8 - 8:30 a.m. - "Chapel Now" (WG HQ auditorium)

10:30-10:55 a.m. - "Chapel Next" (Dining Facility)

1:30-2 p.m. - Catholic Mass

in the LRS conference room (Father Travis)

What's for Lunch?

Saturday

BBQ Ribs, Baked Potatoes, Lima Beans, Squash

Snack Line

Subs, Chips, Baked Beans

Sunday

Peppers & Onions Sausage,

Country Style Steaks

Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy

Corn on the Cob, Carrots

Snack Line

Chicken Sandwiches

Onion Rings

The Dining Facility is open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Everyone using the facility must present a valid ID card.

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